For Japanese Encephalitis (JE)

Directorate of National Anti-Malaria Program (NAMP) regularly monitors incidence of JE through States/UTs. Specific actions taken by NAMP are:

(i) Based on epidemiological trends advance warning are given to the States.

(ii) Technical guidance and assistance are provided to States through correspondence and periodic visits of NAMP officers.

(iii) Insecticides and spray equipment/fogging machines supplied to States under NAMP are utilized by the states for containment of outbreak.

(iv) National Institute of Virology, Pune, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata and All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Halth, Kolkata have been involved for epidemiological investigations and viral confirmations.

(v) Training workshops for PHC, Medical Officers in endemic states are arrnaged for better case management to reduce case fatality rate.

(vi) Following strategy has been recommended for prevention and control of Japanese Encephalitis:

— Early case detection, prompt and adequate case management

— Vector control

— Information, Education and Communication

— Vaccination of high risk JE prone population groups.

AIDS vaccine

51. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientists have made available an AIDS vaccine and they are confident that this vaccine will control the AIDS disease;

(b) if so, whether this vaccine will be introduced soon and will be 100 per cent effective;

(c) whether in the International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, it was informed that results from the most promising trial will be available in the month of November, 2001;

(d) if so, the total number of AIDS patients at present in the country; and

(e) to what extent, it will benefit them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A vaccine has not been made available till yet.

(c) An interim analysis of the available results of the vaccine (VaxGen AIDSVAZ) does not provide conclusive proof of its efficacy. Therefore, the study of the vaccine is to continue for another year till 2002.

(d) As on 31.10.01, the total number of AIDS paitents in the country is 29007.

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Implementation of National Health Programmes

52. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the concrete steps Government have taken during the last two years for implementation of national programmes in the health sector and also to improve health status of the population throughout the country including rural areas;

(b) the achievements under disease control programmes in respect of (i) AIDS (ii) T.B. (iii) Cataract-operations (iv) Malaria/Dengue (v) Diabetes indicating actual budgetary allocations, expenditure with internal/external sources State- wise, year-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to open free camps for check-up/ treatment of senior citizens in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Some steps taken by the Govt. include augmentation of health care infrastructure, mobilization of external assistance from various bilateral and multilateral agencies for implementing various communicable and non-